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Numerous Conflicts in Which Many Soldiers Have Been Killed—Bodies Horribly Mutilated.

Walek, Province of Livonia, Dec. 18.—Details have been received here of a battle between the members of a company of dragoons who were escorting a wagon train containing 20 German families and an armed band of 4,000 Letts near Roemershoff.

The expedition was trying to escape to the southward, but as the ammunition of the dragoons, as the result of constant skirmishes, was running low, it was decided to reach Riga. When at a point where the roads crossed the expedition ran into a Lett camp, which was strongly barricaded.

The Letts opened fire, whereupon the dragoons charged, but were repulsed. The Letts then took the offensive, pressing on the retreating caravan. The ammunition of the dragoons becoming exhausted, they surrendered their charges, on the understanding that they would give up their guns but would be allowed to retain their revolvers. Another band, however, made its appearance and insisted that the capture was made in its territory. The members of the band then carried off the captives to Kennawarden Castle, where they held an orgie over their victims.

Cities Threatened.—St. Petersburg, night, via Eydtkumene, Dec. 18.—The insurgents in the Baltic provinces hold several towns and large sections of the country, and are threatening the larger cities.

The insurgents of Livonia, according to authoritative news, detailed on December 14th, near Stockmalnes, a military train which was carrying reinforcements from Wilna to Riga. They then attacked the survivors of the wreck. The general commanding at Wilna telegraphed that he is unable to send assistance as the track is destroyed on both sides. The casualties are not stated. It is feared they were heavy.

The insurgents have had a number of skirmishes with troops in the provinces. In one fight near Derden, December 15th, an officer and two soldiers were killed.

Traffic is being opened over one road out of Riga, but the trains are held at several stations which are in possession of the revolutionists. A messenger who has just arrived here from Riga says that up to Thursday morning no serious collisions had occurred, though infantry and artillery

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military commanders will automatically become governors-general. Martial law may be ordered only by the order of the minister of the interior at St. Petersburg. The provision already made to enforce compliance with the communication system remain in force.

As most of the provincial authorities are reactionaries, officials of the old regime, the advantage they will take of such power to terrorize the populace can be easily imagined, they being in a position to become petty tyrants and wage war each in his own particular fashion against the revolutionists.

In addition to the general strike, it is expected that the revolutionists will have recourse to the old methods of fighting the government. It is stated that the terrorist organization held a meeting in the "small hours" of this morning. Count Wittke's life is considered to be in danger and the annex of the palace, where he is residing, is heavily guarded.

The government has chosen a desperate moment to order troops to Poland. It is fighting for its life in the Baltic region, where a revolt is admitted to be in full blast with almost a practical certainty that if it cannot be crushed its flames will spread to Poland. The native population of the ancient kingdom of Lithuania is made up of a hardy and headstrong people, who, having raised the banner of revolt, will fight to the bitter end.

At Moscow the government is confronted with a prospect of troops so serious that it has been obliged to send a regiment of cavalry from St. Petersburg to aid in the suppression of the mutineers.

The government to-day succeeded in restoring cable communication abroad, but it is utterly unable to guarantee how long it will be able to keep the cables in operation.

Petitions from the nobility of Riga, Windau, Libau and other places in the Baltic provinces have been received by the government, imploring it to abolish martial law, which the petitioners say is only inflaming the situation.

LIVELY MEETING

Of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association at Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—There was a warm time at the annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association on Saturday night. A contest for the presidency resulted in 2,286 votes being cast for Fred L. Cairns, and 1,063 for W. Eagan.

Before the announcement of the result there was a hot time over an allegation made by a member named Wood, that ballot papers had been hawked around the city in the interest of Cairns. There was a prompt demand that Wood should apologize or prove his charges. He called upon James Robinson, a prominent member of the association, as being his informant. He (Robinson) said that the statement was true. He did not know where the ballot papers came from. Then Eagan, candidate for the presidency, arose and said that he had heard that ballots were being distributed in batches. And his friends had come to him and asked him why it was that he could not get them in bunches the way the other side could. The "war" was then went to Wadsworth, the secretary, and got three ballots provided for by rules. He then reached over and took a dozen ballot papers and walked out. Wadsworth said that he did not see Eagan take the ballot papers, and if he did take them he robbed him of them. To this Eagan stated that he took them to prove his case.

Finally the matter was referred to a special committee made up of five past presidents of the association.

THE TRAIN ROBBERY.

Reward of \$5,000 Offered for the Capture of the Bandits.

North Yakima, Dec. 18.—An offer of \$5,000 reward for the Northern Pacific Railroad Company and of \$1,000 by the state government for the capture of the men who held up and dynamited the express car and safe of the North Coast Limited 11 miles west of this city on Saturday night, has stimulated a search for the bandits. Officers are now scouring the country and all possible clues are being run down.

It is reported the bandits left for the west on the same train they held up, riding to a chosen spot and committing the robbery. A boy is being held who says he got on the same car with two men who carried guns. Another report says the robbers escaped from the scene of the crime on the train which was robbed.

OUTBREAK AT SHANGHAI.—Twenty Chinese Killed During Riots—Several Europeans Wounded.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The state department has news from Shanghai that a serious situation exists there. Two foreigners have been killed and many wounded. Naval forces, supposedly from the British squadron, are guarding the streets. Police stations have been burned. Two American cruisers are now on the way to Shanghai.

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LONDON'S UNEMPLOYED.—London, Dec. 18.—London's unemployed made a demonstration at St. Paul's cathedral yesterday afternoon in a half-hearted, hopeless and unusual manner. Only a few hundred of them, with appropriate banners, went in procession from Trafalgar Square to the cathedral, where they arrived during the progress of the service, and up the steps of which they marched singing the "Marseillaise."

Here the motley crowd was joined by contingents from other quarters, and all, to the number of some 2,500, began singing the national anthem. Such a scene has not been witnessed at St. Paul's since twenty years ago, when John Burns, now president of the local government board, led a similar demonstration to the cathedral.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 19—5:30 a.m.—Clear; last night an important ocean storm area, with a centre of 29 inches, covers the North Pacific Coast. A southerly gale has occurred on the Straits and the coasts of Vancouver Island and Washington, and rain has been general from this to Northern California. The weather remains fair and only moderately cold in the Pacific provinces.

Forecast.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday, Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong southerly to westerly winds, unsettled, with rain or sleet.

Lower Mainland—Decreasing southerly to westerly winds, unsettled, with sleet or rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.55; temperature, 41; minimum, 41; wind, 20 miles S. W.; rain, .12; weather, fair.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.55; temperature, 41; minimum, 41; wind, 20 miles S. W.; rain, .12; weather, cloudy.

Kanloops—Barometer, 29.46; temperature, 34; minimum, 32; wind, calm; weather, fair.

Barberville—Barometer, 29.33; temperature, 28; minimum, 26; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, 50; minimum, 48; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, .22; weather, cloudy.

Port Simpson—Barometer, 29.02; temperature, 4; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, fair.

ATTRACTIVE STORES.

A Few More of the Displays for the Holiday Trade.

The Christmas adornment of the Eliza Fort street, is well worth inspection. In one window are to be found gloves, dainty collars, silk waists, etc. They are displayed with perfect taste, the arrangement having apparently been entrusted to a past master of the art. The second window is no less a credit to those responsible. In it are exhibited children's gowns of the most modern pattern, something that could not be excelled as a Christmas gift. Inside the stores, the young lady clerks have been busy during the past few days attending to the requirements of their patrons. But through of business by no means reached its height, and they expect to be much busier worked during the forthcoming week.

What could be of more interest to the lover of sweetmeats than Mrs. Clay's store, Fort street? Here the windows are always pretty, but with the other merchants she has made a special effort with the advent of Christmas and has succeeded in producing a beautiful effect. One side is done entirely in red, not a glaring red, but a subdued tone which could not be criticised by the most fastidious. The other side is done in the boxes of assorted candy are of that color, as are also all the other goods shown there. Confectioneries and cakes make up the remainder of the exhibit. They are so arranged that they form a most tempting bait to the epicurean. Although not devoting special attention to Christmas gifts, Mrs. Clay has many things that would look well on the Christmas dinner table. Being the amount of business she is doing there are few who do not realize the fact.

The Fit-Reform, at 73 Government street, are among the enterprising firms out for the Christmas trade. The management have a very large and splendid selection of goods. Included in the stock are fancy dress suits, smoking jackets, gift umbrellas for ladies and gentlemen, tuxedo suits, white dress vests, besides a large assortment of business suits. The store has as usual a most attractive appearance, the display being one of the best of the kind to be seen in Victoria.

The Christmas tree and entertainment of the Centennial Sunday school is to be held to-morrow evening. Preparations have been going forward for some time to give the children an enjoyable time. Father Christmas is going to attend in all his glory.

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PREPARATIONS FOR COMING ELECTIONS

MADE AT COUNCIL MEETING LAST NIGHT

Ald. Goodacre Appointed Chairman—Other Routine Business Considered by the Aldermen.

During the absence of Mayor Barnard, or during the remainder of the civic year, Ald. Goodacre will act in his Worship's place. On motion of Ald. Stewart at the regular meeting of the council last evening, Ald. Goodacre was unanimously voted to the position. Apart from a discussion over the position of the janitor of the Carnegie library and the formal notice respecting the coming municipal elections, the business of the meeting was routine.

The C. P. R. Company notified the council of a petition to the Dominion parliament for an extension of its line to Winton with branches to Alberni and Campbell river. The communication was received and filed. The secretary of the Victoria Property Association wrote as follows:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to state that at the annual general meeting of this association held at the city hall on the 12th inst. the following resolution was passed: "That this association petition the municipal council to submit the following questions to the electors of the municipality of Victoria at the next time of the holding of annual elections, as provided in the Municipal Clauses Act, section 56, sub-section 17:—

"1. Shall the auditor be elected by the ratepayers as an independent officer at the time, and in the same manner as the Mayor of the city?" "2. Shall honorary special park commissioners be elected by the ratepayers at the same time, and in the same manner, as aldermen?" "3. Shall free accommodation and tuition in the public schools be limited to the age of sixteen?"

Feebly to ask your favorable consideration of this matter, as the association strongly feels that these questions should be submitted to the decision of the ratepayers. I have the honor to be, gentlemen, Your most obedient servant, THOS. C. SOKERY, Secretary Victoria Property Owners' Association.

Referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee. The secretary of the North Ward Municipal Association asked for a date in which a committee could interview the council relative to a recreation ground for the North Ward. The communication was received and the association will be notified that the council will meet the committee at its first meeting next week.

the library in his shirt sleeves and proceeded to give orders. If any complaint was to be made the writer asked why the man complaining did not approach him in a gentlemanly way. The writer concluded with a lengthy complaint against the librarian, and stated that unless the librarian's power over him was reduced he would resign.

Ald. Fell, by way of comment, said that the letter read had never been written by the janitor. The idea that he had appeared in his shirt sleeves was ludicrous.

Ald. Stewart suggested that the streets, bridges and sewers committee should interview both librarian and janitor. He thought possibly that the janitor might have some ground of complaint, and the matter should be investigated.

Ald. Fell thought that the work was not hard. There was a little extra to be done in winter, but when the janitor had some special work he had assistance. There were books now in the building that had not been touched. The motion carried.

Tenders for brass goods and pipe fittings were next opened, and referred to the finance committee, purchasing agent and water commissioner for report. The electric committee reported that it was impossible to comply with requests for further lights, as the present plant was taxed to its capacity.

Ald. Hall reported the city electrician was making good progress on the new plant, and expected to have it ready in February. The new lights could be supplied.

The report was adopted. The fire warden asked for an appropriation of \$200 for renewing storage plant. Carried.

The finance committee reported accounts totalling \$6,551. Adopted. On motion of Ald. Stewart it was decided that the nomination of candidates for mayor and aldermen shall take place at the police court rooms on Monday, January 15th, 1906, from 12 o'clock noon until 2 o'clock p.m. In case of an election being necessary, it will take place on Thursday, January 18th, from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. The elections will take place as follows: For mayor, in the court room; North Ward, room 3, public market; Central Ward, room 1, public market; South Ward, room 1, public market; building, W. W. Northcott was appointed returning officer, and William Dalby deputy returning officer for mayor, H. H. Hobbs for the North Ward, T. G. Rayner for Central Ward and George H. Maynard for South Ward.

On motion of Ald. Stewart it was agreed to have the polling place for the school trustees at the city hall. The next motion introduced was that of Ald. Fullerton, which was seconded by Ald. Hall. That the opinion of the city solicitor be requested as to the legality of the waterworks company charging a higher rate for water in Victoria West than is charged in other parts of the city.

Ald. Stewart said that this was the annual question asked by the Victoria West people every year, he had been on the council. When the company first gave a service to Victoria West the rates were the same as those charged by the city, but when the city's rates were reduced the company did not have to follow suit.

Ald. Fell said he would not give a legal opinion, but from his remembrance of the company's contract the company had a maximum charge fixed. This the company did not begin to charge. At one time the company's water was as much superior to the water supplied by the city, as the latter is to the former's now.

A by-law, to amend by-law 429, 422 and 423 to authorize the chairman to act in issuing the city debentures was duly passed, and the council then adjourned.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Queen from San Francisco—T. H. Richardson, Miss S. Hayden, A. C. Hirschfeld, J. D. McFadyen, B. P. Nasir, A. C. McCallum.

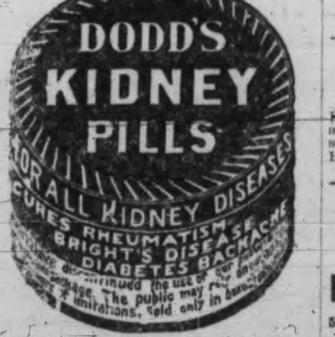
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BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE C. P. R.

Section 11 of the instrument in which the Terms of Union between Canada and British Columbia are embodied says:

"And the government of British Columbia agree to convey to the Dominion government, in trust, to be appropriated in such a manner as the Dominion government may deem advisable in furtherance of the construction of said railway, a similar extent of public lands along the line of railway, throughout its entire length in British Columbia, not to exceed, however, twenty (20) miles on each side of said line, as may be appropriated by the Dominion government from the public lands of the Northwest Territories and the province of Manitoba. Provided, that the quantity of land which may be held under pre-emption right or by Crown grant within the limits of the tract of land in British Columbia to be so conveyed to the Dominion government shall be made good to the Dominion from contiguous public lands, and provided further, that until the commencement, within two years as aforesaid from the date of the union, of the construction of the said railway, the government of British Columbia shall not sell or alienate any further portions of the public lands of British Columbia in any other way than under right of pre-emption, requiring actual residence of the pre-emptor on the land claimed by him. In consideration of the land to be so conveyed in aid of the construction of the said railway, the Dominion government agree to pay to British Columbia, from the date of the union, the sum of 10,000 dollars per annum, in half yearly payments in advance."

It was stated in the columns of the Times on Saturday that the province of British Columbia, under the Terms of Union, set aside a certain portion of its public lands to be applied in aid of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The Colonist in commenting on this statement, said, "The idea was preposterous, or words to the same effect, for the obvious reason that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company did not come into existence for at least ten years after the consummation of the union. But the construction of a transcontinental line of railway, according to our reading of the Terms of Union and in our limited comprehension of plainly written language, was a part of the federal compact. Furthermore, portions of the Canadian Pacific Railway were actually built some years before the contract of the completion of the road from the Atlantic to the Pacific was entered into with the company at present operating the road. The text of the formal document (quoted above) under whose terms British Columbia became a portion of the Canadian federation says as plainly as language can state a fact that certain public lands of this province were to be set aside to aid in the construction of the projected transcontinental line.

The Mackenzie government, which succeeded the Macdonald government after the latter administration had been overthrown as the result of scandalous revelations in which the Premier and Sir Hugh Allan of Montreal were involved, scandals which, if we are not mistaken, were connected with the construction of the new transcontinental railway—the Mackenzie government undertook to push the line through to the Pacific as a public work. After five years of power—five years of great business depression in Canada—the people were persuaded that they could all become rich and happy by the adoption of the now notorious and discredited N. P., and they turned Mr. Mackenzie out and put Sir John Macdonald at the head of their affairs again. The C. P. R. Company was then formed. The work of building the line from coast to coast was turned over to this company. It was invested with all the completed sections of the C. P. R. together with the other handsome endowments in cash, lands and privileges which have been the subjects of much criticism and controversy. Part of this endowment consisted of twenty-five million acres of land. Although Article 11 of the Terms of Union says distinctly that the belt of land conveyed to the Dominion was to be applied for the purpose of assisting in the construction of this road, the C. P. R. syndicate did not take over the allotted territory under the terms of its contract with the Dominion government. But we are warranted in saying that it got something it believed to be "just as good."

The fact that the Dominion government covenanted to pay annually to government of British Columbia the sum of one hundred thousand dollars in consideration of the conveyance of the public lands to be applied as the federal government might deem advisable in furtherance of the construction of the said railway, does not indicate to our mind any special reason for holding that the railway company is not morally bound to treat British

Columbia fairly in adjusting its transportation charges. The railway company got the lands set aside, or lands more than equivalent in value to the lands it rejected, as compensation for the extra cost of building and operating its line through the mountainous regions of British Columbia. If the hundred thousand dollars paid annually to the provincial government, capitalised, represents more than the actual cash value of the lands, then we have been treated with just so much generosity under the Terms of Union. The Dominion is paying a portion of the extra cost of the construction and operation of the C. P. R. through British Columbia, and to that extent our claim for better terms must be reduced. We fear our esteemed but somewhat befogged contemporary will be in danger of one of those mental collapses for which it has become notorious when it comprehends the exact purport of its reasoning. We understand—We fear our esteemed but stand the conditions of the Treaty which it is usually reduced by a reference to the subject of its pet memorial, or we might be tempted to advise it to overhaul that extraordinary document and make a note of the fact it seems to take great credit to itself for having brought to light.

Full of years and of honors garnered in a life of Christian usefulness, of benevolence and of kindly acts; honored, loved and revered by all who have known her, after more than fifty years as the consort and companion of the pioneer of Christianity in British Columbia, Mrs. Criddle has entered into her rest. To few of those alive at the present day is it given to understand what the life, example and conduct of the departed gentlewoman has been to the circles upon this island of which she was so long the centre. To none is it given to understand the severity of the blow which has descended upon the revered and reverend gentleman who is called upon to mourn her departure. Bishop Criddle has the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in this the day of his greatest affliction.

For precision of language and lucidity of expression the Colonist seems to think it is without a peer in Canada. Now if some one would only supply our contemporary with a copy of the "Terms of Union" and a political history of Canada, the whole annotated with ideas, what a perfect work of literary art and reliable information one page of the paper would present every morning in the year except Mondays and holidays—and the mornings after the real status of the McBride government appears to its mind with a force that can only be satisfied with frank expressions.

The Turks and the Armenians are at each others' throats again. They are not satisfied to permit the Russians to have exclusive possession of the sanguinary stage. The demonstration of the Powers does not appear to have had the effect hoped for.

DRAWING BOOK INVESTIGATION

(Continued from page 1)

David Blair, the science and arts master of the Normal school, was the first witness called. He was a graduate of the South Kensington College of Art and Science. He had done considerable work in the Encyclopaedia Britannica. It was in the year 1900 that he had become identified with the educational system of British Columbia. He had reported upon the drawings of pupils at the different examinations. He believed that he had issued these statements. The designs in the book used by the school children had been compiled by witness. They were taught in the schools of British Columbia. Free-hand drawing meant drawing without the aid of anything but hand and pencil and, of course, the eye. He had informally lectured to teachers of British Columbia on different occasions. Three years ago he had spoken at a convention of the Teachers' Institute in Victoria. Since then he had delivered a special address at Vancouver at which he distinctly remembered Miss Cameron being present. He didn't know whether Miss Fraser was in attendance. His address had dealt with geometrical work and free-hand drawing.

Handing witness a circular Mr. Eberts asked what portion of that document he had drafted. He replied quoting his remarks with reference to free-hand drawing, and those commending the work accomplished by South Park school. At that time model drawing had not been issued. That was introduced next year, and in the same circular he had given a number of suggestions to the teachers for instruction on the new subject. One paragraph stated specifically "no ruling whatever shall be allowed in model drawing." Next year's report had commented upon the fact that tracing had been permitted in many instances. In his last circular he had dealt more emphatically with the question.

Witness was then shown the books and asked where he found ruled lines in Miss Jackson's work. He contended that there was a ruled centre line to exercise one, and proceeded to draw attention to other instances.

At this stage, counsel representing the board of examiners and Miss Cameron gathered about witness to inspect the books under his direction. The latter pointed out the different pages on which he was prepared to swear ruled lines had been used.

The commissioner at times seemed to be puzzled to locate the lines which witness pointed out with confidence. At one time he left the bench and went to the window only to return after having made a vain search for the tracing. Mr. Elliott expressed his incredulity very forcibly when he remarked that

"anyone who would swear to that would swear to anything." Mr. Eberts—"That's comment." Mr. Elliott—"Yes, but it's fair comment."

Mr. Gregory—"At any rate its rather out of place at the present time." In each of the twenty-nine drawing books submitted witness claimed that there were one or more ruled lines. He went into most exhaustive detail specifying every point where he was prepared to swear that his instructions had not been followed. The books of those who had taken affidavits were all included among the numbers which witness held had infringed the rules. The books were still under examination when an adjournment was taken until 2.15 o'clock in the afternoon.

PROMOTION FOR J. MURRAY

Popular Victorian Stated for Important Position in the Terminal City.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Dec. 19.—George Riley, M. P. arrived here this morning. He called at the post office department and arranged for an order in council being put through this afternoon making the appointment of J. Murray, post office inspector at Vancouver, permanent.

Mr. Murray is very well known in Victoria, where for many years he acted as assistant to Capt. Fletcher, post office inspector for Vancouver Island, Northern British Columbia and the Yukon. Mr. Murray, besides being an efficient official, enjoys a wide popularity. He left this city for Vancouver a short time ago.

FORCE OF RUSSIAN TROOPS ANNIHILATED

One Hundred Cossacks and Dragoons Slaughtered by Moab-Bodies Were Horribly Mutilated.

(Associated Press.)

Tukum, Courland, Russia, Dec. 17, via Steffin, Prussia, Dec. 18.—A special staff correspondent of the press, who has just arrived here, learns that moab of Lithuanians and Estonians yesterday attacked a hundred Cossacks and dragoons, the only military force stationed in Tukum.

After wild fighting the soldiers were killed to the last man, their arms and legs cut off and their bodies ripped open. The streets were strewn with bodies and dismembered parts. Six hundred troops arrived here today.

TO PROTECT FOREIGNERS.

Forces Have Been Landed From Warships at Shanghai—Armed Guards Patrol Streets.

Shanghai, Dec. 19.—Armed guards and patrols are maintained here every where to cope with a possible renewal of the disturbances. The streets are filled with rowdies. The shops are open, but looting is greatly feared. The United States cruiser Baltimore will land a force to-day. The British cruiser Diadem is also landing a force of 600 men. Other warships are expected. German troops are coming here from Kailashou.

Chinese newspapers say the rowdies proposed to take advantage of the mixed court dispute to attack and loot the foreign settlements.

More Warships Dispatched.

Tokio, Dec. 19.—Owing to the disturbances at Shanghai the Japanese protected cruiser Taushima has been sent here from Saesbo, and the gunboat Uji has been ordered to sail from Kure for the same destination.

JEWIS IN RUSSIA.

Zionists Will Hold a Special International Congress Next Month.

New York, Dec. 19.—The central organization of the Zionists in Europe has decided to hold a special international congress of Jews to take action in the situation in Russia. Advice was received to this effect yesterday at the office of the federation here of American Zionists. The congress will be held in Brussels on January 29th, 1906. It is said that the American Jewish congress will be held here January 29th and that this assembly will choose delegates to attend the international congress in Europe. It is understood that the American Jewish congress will be held in this city.

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TERRY SENTENCED TO BE HANGED

AFTERWARDS COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Former Cumberland Miner is Tried For Murdering a Chinaman in New Zealand.

Throughout British Columbia great interest has been taken in the crime of which Lionel Terry, formerly a miner at Cumberland, has been guilty, and in his trial for the same, resulting in his condemnation to death at Wellington, New Zealand, a few days ago. Throughout Australasia, as in British Columbia, there is a keen feeling among the whites against the colored races. In Terry's case this hatred became almost insane. He published several books on the subject, but, finding that they attracted little attention, apparently determined to sacrifice his colonial and home governments to the peril of Asiatic immigration. With this purpose he went to the Chinese quarters in Wellington late one night at the end of September last, walked up to an aged Chinaman named Kim Yung, and deliberately murdered him with two shots from a revolver. Next morning Terry, bright and cheerful, went to a bookseller's to inquire about the sale of his book on the "Yellow Peril. The shopkeeper, being told that the sales were not large he remarked, "it will sell better to-morrow," and walked to the police station, where he gave himself up as Kim Yung's murderer. About the same hour Lord Plunket, governor of New Zealand, received a letter from Terry, stating that "he had decided to bring the matter of alien immigration before the public eye, and to that end had put to death a Chinaman the previous evening."

Terry was defended at his trial, having steadfastly refused legal assistance. When asked to plead he said he had nothing to say.

When the evidence was finished Terry read a long and carefully prepared statement, in which he strongly objected to His Majesty the King being placed in the position of protector of an unnaturalized race of alien British possessions. He vigorously protested against the suggestion that he was the victim of an insane delusion, but that his intellect was impaired by sunstroke.

His action, he declared, was the result of careful deliberation, and was committed as a protest against the Asiatic invasion and the mixing of races, and also to test the stability of the law relating to the protection of aliens.

He bore no enmity to Chinamen. On the contrary, he sincerely pitied these poor people, whose presence in New Zealand was partly the result of the vicious state system existing in China, which was for the equal benefit of both races that this disgraceful traffic should cease, and the sooner the New Zealand government abandoned the mad policy which had cursed other parts of the world with the deepest depths of human depravity and shipped its aliens to England or Africa, or some other country where they would be welcomed, the sooner would New Zealand be a fit country for white settlers.

In conclusion he challenged the validity of the law which affords protection to or recognizes the presence of an unnaturalized race of aliens in British possessions. The Chief Justice's summing up said there was no justification or extenuation for Terry's crime.

After a brief retirement the jury returned a verdict of guilty, with a strong recommendation to mercy on the ground that the prisoner was not responsible for his actions, as he was suffering mentally from a craze caused by intense hatred towards the mixing of the British and alien races.

Terry received the death sentence with amazing calmness. The deed was a just punishment for his crime. This sentence has since been commuted to life imprisonment.

FOUR LIVES LOST.

Lorain, O., Dec. 18.—Four lives were lost in a fire which destroyed the Verbeck theatre here yesterday. The dead are: James Dwyer, 25 years; Mrs. Wm. March, 21; her two children, Grace, aged 2, and Clifford, aged 7 months.

The Marsh family had apartments in the front of the building on the third floor. William Marsh was a stage manager.

Dwyer, another employee of the theatre, slept in the basement, where the fire originated, and was cut off.

The funeral of Mrs. Criddle will take place on Thursday afternoon from the family residence, Carr street, not on Friday, as announced in another column.

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There are gasoline engines of many makes and descriptions, but there was only one secured the gold medal for this type of marine propulsion at the Louisiana purchase exposition, St. Louis, last year, only one secured like honors at the Lewis & Clark exposition recently closed at Portland. This engine is the celebrated Truscott. At the above shows, all of the great manufacturers of marine gas engines exhibited, the Truscott product being judged the best of all. Further comment is unnecessary, but Hutchison Bros., Broughton street, will be pleased to give further particulars to anyone inquiring for same. They also wish to inform the public that they are now building in Victoria launches of all sorts from the models which have been admitted so much wherever the Truscott Company have exhibited.

The Margherita Mandolin Club will hold its regular rehearsal to-morrow evening in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A., at 7 o'clock sharp. All members are requested to attend.

If you have never dealt with us, come in and take a good look around our store, anyway; it won't cost you anything, and you may learn something to your advantage. Weiler Bros.

A number of beautiful stained glass windows have been presented to St. Barnabas church by Mr. Justice Martin. They improve the appearance of that edifice to a considerable extent and the gift is much appreciated not only by the pastor but by all members of the congregation.

Mrs. W. W. Wilson, who for some years past has been collecting for the Protestant Orphan's Home, regrets to announce that on account of ill-health she has been obliged to give up the work. Thanking all kind friends for their generous support in the past, she trusts although the monthly call is not made, the little ones will not be forgotten by them.

The Christmas treat and entertainment for St. Paul's Sunday school will be given in Semple's hall on Friday evening next. The children will meet at the hall at 5 o'clock. Supper will be served at 5.30, followed by an hour and half's recreation. At 8 o'clock C. C. Hastings will give a descriptive talk, illustrated by 125 limelight views of a great variety of subjects that cannot fail to be of great interest and pleasure to parents and friends, as well as the children.

Last evening a union meeting of the pastors and members of the different Presbyterian congregations of the city was held at St. Andrew's church. There was a large attendance and an excellent musical programme was rendered by a number of talented vocal soloists, assisted by the choir. A splendid address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Fraser, of Vancouver, on the subject, "Problems Confronting the Church." Before the conclusion an energetic committee of ladies dispensed refreshments in the lecture room.

Last week three retail dealers in this city were proceeded against under the Administration Act, and Amending Acts of the Dominion parliament. One case only came into court, where a conviction was secured and a fine of \$22.50 inflicted. The others settled out of court. The particular charge in this case was that what was purported to be maple syrup was offered for sale. The result of Dr. Pagan's analysis showed that it was nearly all cane sugar. The article was described as injurious, but it was not true to name. The prosecutions were made at the instance of C. E. Parkinson, of Vancouver, a special officer under the act. W. H. Langley appeared as counsel for the prosecution.

A. J. Dallain a few days ago found a pure bred Irish water spaniel on the Dallas road. He wishes now to find the owner.

Entries for the mixed four-round golf competition, which will take place on Tuesday next on the Oak Bay links, must be given to the secretary not later than Friday, at 4 p.m.

A dispatch from the Ottawa correspondent of the Times says: "An order in council will be passed today or to-morrow confirming the contract for a salvage steamer at a cost of \$10,000 per year, which was awarded to the Esquimaux Marine Railway Co."

The annual show of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association will be held from the 19th to the 13th of January. Elmer Dixon, of Oregon City, has been selected to act as judge. Entries will be received by Secretary Jamieson, 71 Port street.

The Ladysmith fire brigades had a busy time early on Saturday morning. An alarm took them to the residence of A. Halo, a large house on Fifth avenue, which was totally destroyed. The damage amounted to over \$2,000, and the insurance was \$1,500.

Ald. Jas. A. Douglas has decided to be a candidate for the South Ward at the approaching municipal elections. Mr. Douglas has served one year in his capacity as alderman, and at the solicitation of friends decided to offer himself as a member of the council for next year.

The pupils of St. Ann's Kindergarten and primary school on Thursday, at 2.30 p. m., will give an entertainment in behalf of the orphans at Nainaimo and Quamichan. No tickets will be issued, but admission will be obtained by the donation of a pair of stockings.

The hearing of the case against several members of the legal profession for refusing to pay the regular business tax levied on them has again been postponed. Magistrate Hall objects to hearing the case, and J. P. S.'s were not available this morning. It was remanded until the 26th, inst.

The North Ward Municipal Association will hold its regular weekly meeting this evening, and among the questions to come up for discussion will be the year's work on the streets, sidewalks and sewers. Secretary Grant extends an invitation to all the present aldermen as well as prospective candidates to be present and talk upon issues.

The Great Northern and North Pacific railways have issued a very handsome and convenient atlas containing maps of all the western, north-western and middle states. British Columbia and Alaska, and replete with concise information on the great area in question. The work is very up-to-date at the present time, and will be found a great convenience to all interested in the West.

The funeral of James Buckley Colburn took place this morning from the family residence, No. 17 St. Andrew avenue, at 9 o'clock, and at 2.30 at the Roman Catholic cathedral, where solemn requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Frederick. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Father Flower. There was a very large attendance of friends and many beautiful floral emblems. The following acted as pallbearers: S. Wales, C. Wales, L. Camusa, L. Sweeney, F. M. Kirtick and K. Hoeges.



THE QUADRA LAUNCHED. D. G. S. Quadra was launched from the ways of the Victoria Machinery Depot this morning, where she has been since the seventh of eighth of last month receiving repairs of the damage sustained when the ship struck at Race Rocks. The principal work done to the steamer was the removal of the stern frame and replacing it with another, which had to be made in Seattle. The securing of this caused a lengthy delay, and in consequence the vessel has been longer out of service than had been anticipated.

With the appearance of a warship in her coat of fresh gray paint, her shiny brass work, and ram-like bow, the Dominion steamer Kestrel, Capt. Newcomb, came into port this morning en route to Ladysmith and Nainaimo. The vessel has done the war paint in compliance with orders from Ottawa. On Tuesday last she went north with Professor Prince, and Mr. Taylor on a trip of inspection to the Owekeena hatchery on Rivers Inlet. As the river is not navigable at this season of the year the party had to walk up the trail-four miles, and then take a canoe for the remainder of the way to the hatchery. The two officials were greatly pleased with the work of the institution, there being on hand about 15,000,000 eggs, which will be ready for hatching in a month or six weeks. At the Indian rancherie considerable excitement attended the visit of the officials. A potlache was in progress, and Messrs. Prince and Taylor were much interested in the character of the performance, in which the natives took

part. The Kestrel left on her return voyage on Friday night, and arrived at Vancouver on Saturday night.

MATINE NOTES The Alaska Steamship Company has announced its intention of sending the steamers Carland and Bellingham north in the spring to ply between Ketchikan and the surrounding towns. Steamer Queen City will not arrive from the West Coast until about 7 o'clock this evening, owing to a delay at Bamfield on account of the storm.

W. G. Cameron Says He Will Not Appear in the Forthcoming Municipal Campaign.

Seen to-day and asked if he would be a candidate for the position of mayor in the forthcoming municipal campaign, W. G. Cameron made the first statement he has yet given for publication regarding his intentions. He said:

"Having been waited on and requested by a large number of citizens to offer myself as a candidate for the office of mayor, and as it is now less than a month till the city elections, it is but right I should make up my mind one way or the other. Considering my business and other engagements it is with great reluctance I have decided not to offer myself this term for the office. I consider the position of mayor one of great honor and importance, and appreciate very much the expression of confidence and support offered by so many influential citizens. You may express my thanks to all who have so kindly offered to assist in my election had I offered myself for the position."

SHIPPING REPORT. Issued by R. P. Rihet & Co., Little Change in Grain Freight Market.

The monthly freight and shipping report of R. P. Rihet & Co. for November, which has just been issued, says: "The grain freight market remains in about the same position as noted in our last circular, with only a few changes to record. Lumber rates are firmer—as will be seen from the quotations given below—and the demand for lumber is good at advancing prices. The annexed list shows a fair number of charters. We quote freight as follows: Grain—San Francisco to Cork, nominal; Portland to Cork, 25c to 27c; Tacoma and Seattle to Cork, 25c to 34c. Lumber—British Columbia or Puget Sound to Sydney, 32c; Melbourne or Adelaide, 32c to 40c; Port Pirie, 32c to 40c; Fremantle, 40c to 42c; West Coast, S. A., 42c to 48c; South Africa, 52c to 55c; U. K. or Continent, 52c to 60c.

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Geo. S. B. Perry, of Vancouver, and Thos. S. Howson and David Gilmore, of Seattle, are at the Driad.

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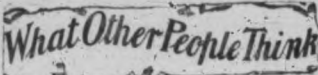
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OPPOSED TO GUN LICENSE.

To the Editor:—Having been a constant reader of your valued paper for a good many years...

That game should be protected is quite evident. There are so many men in this country with little to do...

They are at present trying to get a gun license. For what? So that those who can afford only one or perhaps two days during the season will be shut out...

They also ask for a free hand on Sunday. Now, I am not thinking of the rights or wrongs of Sunday hunting...

How many of those half-styled game protectionists will, during the first few days of the shooting season...

And give the deer one day off in the week, and prove that you want protection, and not simply a chance to hog it.

PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor:—Please permit me to make a few remarks regarding this matter of registration...

Again, they wish absentee landlords and trustees to vote through an agent...

Other good members on the programme are Kittle Walsh, Irish character singer...

This whole matter is one of class interest—property vs. humans—and brings to my mind the following story...

We sit, age living in an age when the commercial spirit, which has and is governing us...

Now, I do not wish to do nothing but condemn, and agree with them in their effort to elect an independent auditor...

CITIZEN.

"I think," said the man who is politically ambitious, "that I will succeed in convincing 'my friends' that my money is not tainted."

"That isn't the point just now," answered Senator Sorghum. "The first thing is to convince 'them' that you've really got money."

donna, Miss Nola, who possesses a very fine clear voice and with apparently little effort easily handled the work allotted to her...

SEEKING J. F. TAYLOR. It is Alleged That He is Being Sought For by Seattle Authorities.

According to the Seattle Times J. F. Taylor, of the Taylor Produce Company, is being sought on account of drafts not being honored...

The Seattle Times says: "Taylor has disappeared. His office in Seattle is closed, and a vacant sign stands on the door of the apartment in which he lived."

"The farmer" and the miller sent drafts on Taylor through local banks, according to Winans. Taylor accepted them and promised to pay them in thirty days.

Taylor, it is said, made himself strong with the mill men by depositing \$2,500 in a Victoria bank, and then giving the bank a reference for the statement that he had money.

But Taylor had disappeared. The day before he left Seattle he told Winans he was going to Victoria. He asked Winans to wire him if anything came up.

The other victims were then notified and it was decided to place the matter in the hands of detectives, who are instructed to locate and arrest Taylor.

No one, says Winans, has been found in Seattle who knows Taylor. He lived for a while in the Rainier-Grand, and later went to the Rainier-Grand.

WINNIPEG NOTES. Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—At a meeting of shareholders of York-County Loan Co. to-night it was decided to ask the Attorney-General of Manitoba to co-operate with Ontario authorities...

Two electric cars collided in the subway under the C. P. B. tracks here this evening, and in the smash a motorman had his leg broken in two places...

"Do you deal in second-hand automobiles? If you do, I want to sell you mine." "Yes, Mr. we do. How long have you had your machine?" "Since this morning."—Life.

The tolling stone gathers no moss," quoted the man who had never been outside his home county. "True," rejoined the globe trotter, "but it acquires an enviable polish."—Chicago Daily News.

Watson's Theatre. The Watson Stock Company presented the ever welcome "Charley's Aunt" at the Watson theatre last evening.

The old cold goes; a new one quickly comes. It's the story of a weak throat, a tendency to consumption, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral breaks up the taking-cold habit.

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SPORTING NEWS. THE TRIP OF THE OTTAWA. Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—Arrangements regarding the Western trip of the Ottawa hockey team will hang in the balance.

INTERESTING TOURNEY. A friendly match was played between members of the Y. M. C. A. and Victoria chess clubs last evening. Each side was represented by nine players.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. RUN TO-NIGHT. The regular run of members of the Victoria United team will be held at Oak Bay this evening.

Billiards. CLOSE GAME. The third round of the Driard tournament was opened last evening by a match between J. W. Brown (res. 29) and A. Gibson (res. 5).

Basketball. AN EASY VICTORY. A practice match was played between the Y. M. C. A. business men and intermediates last evening in the gymnasium.

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Ascots, Four-in-Hands, Oxfords, in exclusive designs, from the best English makers.
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In beautiful patterns from the best New York makers. Specially put up for Christmas. Each pair in a dainty box. Any Goods bought from us will be cheerfully exchanged, either before or after Xmas.

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Where expenses are divided in procuring a gift, splendid values can be had in **CUTLERY SETS**

Including Table and Dessert Knives and Forks beautifully case. Three, five and seven piece Carving Sets, in Oak Cases, \$8.00 to \$24.00. Complete Sets of Table Cutlery, with Plated Forks, Spoons, etc., at any price you want.

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For Young and Old Will Be Found in Great Variety at

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Our stock is better than ever. A visit to the Fair is well worth your time.



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UNDERSELLING BOOT AND SHOE SALE

C. Nangle's Shoe Shop and Repair Dept
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SEE PRICES

Men's Box Calf Laced Boots, double soles, leather lined, with back straps, sizes 6's to 10's, \$2.25.
Men's Dongola Laced Boots, leather lined, back straps, double soles, sizes 6's to 10's, \$2.00.
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Come and see the Boot Bargains. Our sale genuine and not misleading.



Bon-bons and Xmas Tree Ornaments At a Sacrifice.

2 lb. Tin Xmas Plum Puddings, 40c. each
THE West End Grocery Company

CHRISTMAS FRUIT PURVEYORS
42 GOVERNMENT STREET.

Christmas Cheer

A consignment of choice
GEESE AND TURKEYS
Will be here on Thursday next. Place your orders for a selection. Also all kinds of Christmas delicacies. Have you tried our
CHALLENGE CUP TEA
It's a good one.

Windsor Grocery Company,
Opposite Post Office, Government Street.

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DRESSING CASES,
MANICURE CASES,
CLOTH BRUSHES,
HAIR BRUSHES,
NAIL BRUSHES,

And Various Other Articles, The product of the best French house.

See our display in Yates street window and let us quote prices.

John Cochrane, Chemist
N. W. COR. YATES AND DOUGLAS STREETS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LOST—Small gold brooch, between Victoria Theatre, Yates, Cook and Pandora. Finder please leave at this office. Reward, E. M. G.

LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING or single rooms 12 to 15 Superior street. WANTED—A good, strong girl for light house work. Apply at 200 Yates street.

FOUND—On the Dallas road, near Dallas, on Sunday afternoon, an Irish writer spool (green color). Owner requested to communicate with A. J. Dullin, president E. F. C. A. Phone 206.

FOR SALE—Excellent new Raymond sewing machine complete, light oak table etc. R. J. typewriter, complete, in original case. Price \$50. Address 112 Pandora avenue.

SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS WANTED to solicit subscriptions for popular children's magazine, can easily make \$1 or \$2 weekly. Canadian Woman, London, Ont.

DIED.
CRIBBE—At the family residence, "Marfield," Tuesday, Dec. 19th, Mary, wife of Mr. Rev. Bishop Cribbe, and youngest daughter of George Winnill Esq., of "Valence," Romford, Essex, England, aged 78 years and 8 months.

The funeral will take place on Thursday, Dec. 21st, at 2 o'clock, from the residence as above, and at the Reformed Episcopal church at 2.30 p. m. Friends will please accept this intimation.

CHURCH FEDERATION.

Meeting of Ministers in Chicago—Committee Will Prepare Plans.

(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Dec. 19.—Five hundred Chicago ministers met yesterday to consider steps towards church federation in the city. No definite action was taken looking toward the exclusion of the Unitarians, who were barred on doctrinal grounds from the recent conference on church federation held in New York, but the sentiment of the meeting was strongly in favor of exclusion. Each of the speakers had been a delegate to the New York meeting, and each referred to the action of that conference in terms of the warmest approbation.

The meeting was called by a joint committee, representing the ministerial associations of the various denominations and the central department of the Y. M. C. A. A committee of four was appointed to reconstruct a plan for the church federation.

LUTHER FILLMORE DEAD.
Was a Pioneer in Railroading in the States.

(Associated Press.)
Oakland, Cal., Dec. 19.—Luther Fillmore, formerly superintendent of the South Pacific Coast (narrow gauge) railroad, between Oakland and Santa Cruz, died yesterday at the age of 73 years. Mr. Fillmore was a pioneer in railroading in the United States. He was born at Fayetteville, N. Y. At the age of 21 years he built the Syracuse and Birmingham railroad, and rebuilt the Erie railroad. Mr. Fillmore spent the last year of his life at Laramie, Wyoming, where he had large cattle interests.

KINDNESS APPRECIATED.
Japanese Grateful for Emperor William's Gifts to Prisoners.

Tokyo, Dec. 19.—Emperor William's kindness in sending supplies of cigarettes, chocolate and chrysanthemums to the Japanese prisoners who passed through Berlin on Saturday on their way to Hamburg, is appreciated here.

General Baron Kodama, who was Field Marshal Oyama's chief of staff, will go to Formosa on Friday to resume his office as governor of the island which he held before the war with Russia.

MOROCCAN CONFERENCE.
Representatives of France and Germany Will Meet in Spanish Town.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The exchange of communications going on between the powers indicate that Madrid will generally be accepted as the place for the Moroccan conference. Germany has not yet definitely answered. Should Germany object to Madrid, it is probable that Seville will be chosen. Algiers is abandoned owing to the inadequacy of accommodations.

Messrs. L. Eaton & Co.

Will hold sales DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK. On Wednesday, Dec. 20th, at 2.30 p. m.; on Thursday, Dec. 21st, at 8.30 p. m.; on Friday, Dec. 22nd, at 8.30 p. m.; on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, at 8.30 p. m.; of a large stock of Xmas Goods, including Dolls, Toys, Bric-a-Brac, Xmas Tree Decorations, Jardiniere, Stationery, Vases, Glassware, China, Pictures, Leather Goods of all descriptions, etc., etc. Messrs. Eaton & Co. have just received a splendid consignment of Fancy Bric-a-Brac, Leather Goods of all descriptions, and best English Cut-Glassware. The above must be disposed of before Christmas, and will be sold at Slaughter Prices, both by private treaty and auction. The Auctioneers, L. EATON & CO.

Hardaker, Auctioneer
I am instructed by the Rev. A. Ewing, who is leaving the city, to sell at his residence,

175 MENZIES STREET, CORNER OF DALLAS ROAD.

THURSDAY, 25th, at 2 P. M.
Valuable and Well Kept

Furniture

Further particulars will be given later.

Wm. T. Hardaker,
AUCTIONEER

END OF FAMOUS TRACK.
Washington Park in Chicago to Be Cut Up Into City Lots.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The Washington Park race track is to be cut up into city lots. It was formerly the scene of the American Derby. This action was decided on yesterday by stockholders. Ex-Mayor Carter Harrison a year ago prohibited betting at the track. An effort was made to hold running races without betting, but it proved a losing venture, and the gates to the race course were closed. The club has been in existence 22 years, and during that time seventeen American Derbys have been held over the course.

CUMBERLAND NOTES.
Board of Trade Officers Elected—Busy Time at the Mines.

(Special Correspondent of the Times.)
Cumberland, Dec. 19.—A Thursday evening the merchants and citizens met in the council chambers and elected officers for a board of trade for Cumberland city and district of Comox. R. Ross Napier, president; B. Shore, vice-president; T. H. Carney, secretary; and a council of twelve members. At the next meeting by-laws are to be submitted, but in the meantime the by-laws of the city of Vancouver have been adopted. Each office was held contented.

It is expected that, beginning with the New Year, the board will take up such matters as a daily mail service, freight rates, an express office, long distance telephone, storing of powder within city limits, abolition of the local credit system, and a number of other matters.

Today has been pay day, and judging from appearances, the business men have little to complain of. In fact, some of them say there is more money floating around than at any time during the past three months. This speaks well for the Christmas trade next week.

Two local pugilists have aligned articles to give a boxing contest on Christmas evening, December 25th.

In the coal mines all the miners are working full time, and more men are gradually being put on to work.

Dame Rumor has it that several young couples will be joined in wedlock in the very near future. The only delusion is probably the fact that houses are at a premium.

Flatbush—"There's a great boom out at Westcotts." Gotham—"So I hear." "Why, people are just crazy to buy out there." "Yes, I should say they would be."—Yonkers Statesman.

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A Hearty Welcome

THE STORE is in HOLIDAY ATTIRE, and a warm welcome awaits you. The season of joy is again at hand, and the question "that confronts us each year is before us now." What shall we give him or her? We are more ready than ever to answer that question for you. The Store is replete with hundreds of Gift giving articles, of both the useful and the ornamental kind for young and old. Come here to make your selections and come soon. See how much less you have to spend than you expected.

CARPET SQUARES
Crossley's Diamond Tapestry Squares, good wearing quality, wool square, jute backing.
2 1/2x3 yds, \$ 9.00 3x3 yds, \$10.50
3x3 1-2 yds, 12.00 3 1/2x3 1/2 yds, 15.00
3x3 1-3 yds, 14.00 4x4 yds, 20.00
* Also in larger sizes.

VELVET SQUARES
Crossley's Seamless, in soft rich shades of Green and Fawns for the Drawing Room, and Crimson and Orientals for the Dining Room
3x3 1-2 yds, \$22.50 3x4 yds, \$25.00
3 1/2x4 yds, 30.00 3 1/2x4 2/3 yds, 48.00

ART SQUARES
Kensington Wool Squares, in new Art Designs—Artistic, Durable, Inexpensive.
2 1/2x3 yds, \$ 9.50 3x3 yds, \$11.50
3x3 1-2 yds, 13.00 3x4 yds, 15.00
3 1/2x4 yds, 17.50 4x4 yds, 20.00
* And larger sizes"

MAPLE SQUARES
Canadian Manufacture, good quality Art Square,
2 1/2x3 yds, \$8.50 3x3 yds, \$10.00
up to 4x5 yds at \$23.00

KANATA SQUARRS
Wool Filling, Cotton Warp
3x4 yds, \$10.00 3 1/2x4 yds, \$12.00

UNION SQUARES
Standard Ingrains,
2 1/2x3 yds, \$5.50 3x3 yds, \$6.50
3x3 1-2 yds, 7.75 3x4 yds, 9.00

Few other Gifts at the same cost will contribute so much pleasure and comfort as a
BISSELL "Gyc Bearing" Carpet/Sweeper
It lasts longer than fifty common brooms and only costs one-fifth as much. A Bissell pays for itself in the saving of Carpets, Rugs and Draperies—besides the saving of time, labor and health. **NO DUST—NO NOISE.**
NO BACKACHE—BISSELL'S Grand Rapids Sweeper \$3.25 Gold Medal Sweepers, 3.75 The Grand Sweeper, 5.00



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"One of the most popular Gifts for the Home"

"STAR" AXMINSTER RUGS, pretty floral design,
size 27x50 inches, each \$3.00

"ORIENT" AXMINSTER RUGS—handsome patterns and rich colorings—very suitable for dining rooms
3x2 1/2 \$5.50 3x2 1/2 \$7.50, each

"DAGDAD" WILTON RUGS—in rich Oriental colorings and dainty floral patterns,
27x54 \$6.00, 36x63, \$9.00 each

REVERSIBLE RUGS—Earncliffe Reversible Rugs for dining rooms
Size 36x75 inches, \$7.00 each
"A popular Rug"

"MECCA" and "IMPERIAL" RUGS—Heavy Axminsters of extra good quality, wool backs—in floral and Oriental designs,
Size 34x74, \$10.00 and \$12.00 each

VESTIBULE RUGS—Fine quality Axminster,
4 ft 6x6 ft, \$12.00 and \$14.00 each

GOAT SKIN RUGS—Cloth lined and Burlap backing,
Grey, 27x60 inches, \$4.00 each
Black, 27x60 inches, 5.00 each

SHEEPSKIN RUGS—Selected Skins and in assorted colors,
21x56, \$6.00 27x60, \$9.50 each

Extra Heavy English Make, in rich Gold color,
Size 23x60 inches, \$11.00 each

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HOME, HOTEL AND CLUB FURNISHERS—VICTORIA, B. C.

Packing

- Rainbow Sheet
- Grey Gum Sheet
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- Cloth Insertion
- Peetless Spiral
- Peetless Square
- Garlock Spiral
- Rainbow Gasket
- Square Flax
- Hemp
- Square Tucks
- Round Tucks
- Fibre
- Asbestos Sheet
- Asbestos Rope
- Asbestos Cement.

PETER McQUADE & SONS
18 WHARF STREET.

South Ward For Alderman

To the Electors of South Ward
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—Your vote and influence are kindly solicited on my behalf at the forthcoming municipal election.

JAMES A. DOUGLAS.

ESTATE OF KATE AUSTIN, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claims against the Estate of Kate Austin, late of Robert street, Victoria West, who died on 23rd March, 1905, and to whose personal estate Letters of Administration were on the 17th November, 1905, granted to Henry Martin Austin, are required to send particulars of their claims to the undersigned, solicitors for the Administrator, on or before the 15th February, 1906, after which date the Administrator will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice. All persons indebted to the deceased are requested to pay the amount of their indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith.

Dated 19th November, 1905.
CREASE & CREASE,
Victoria, B. C.

CHRISTMAS MEN



Who dress the best wear clothing from Cameron's. While we furnish our customers with garments that are irreproachable in style, cut, fit and finish we do not wish to give the impression that our prices are as high in figures as our clothing is in quality. For Xmas gifts there is nothing more acceptable than a suit or overcoat.

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5-acre block, all cleared and fenced.
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Moping, sneezing, rattling in their throats, eyes swollen, breathing with difficulty. You are losing them by dozens. "THAT IS ROUP" and it is as infectious as diphtheria. Use Sylvester's Roup Cure. Placed in the water it kills the germ and cures with no effort on your part. Price 25c. per pkg.

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Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria, at its next sitting, for a transfer from myself to Thomas J. Thomas of the license to sell spirituous and fermented liquors on the premises known as the Commercial Hotel, situate at No. 118 Douglas street, Victoria, B. C.

Dated this 19th day of December, A. D. 1905.
CHAS. STEWART.

A meeting of all Shareholders in the York County Loan & Savings Company will be held at Pioneer Hall, Broad street, Wednesday evening, December 20th, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of taking such action as will protect the interests of shareholders in this city.